

Jakarta, Indonesia, June 23, 1993.

To:

Human Rights Defenders

Who are Attending UN Human Rights Conference in Vienna

We have been informed about the presence of East Timorese who have entered the Embassies of Finland--Mateus Brito Ximenes ; Clementino de Oliveira Faria ; Oscar Goncalves Da Silva ; Ventura Valentin de Concelcao--and Sweden--Florencio Anunciacao ; Jose Manuel de Oliveira Sousa ; Profirio Da Costa Oliveira--in Jakarta, to seek political asylum. These East Timorese, like thousands of them who are fighting for the national liberation of East Timor against the intervention and occupation of the Indonesian military regime have been persecuted for their activities and fear for their lives. We, Indonesians, representing the people's movement towards democracy prompt respective embassies to protect and assist these East Timorese to leave Indonesia.

According to Article 14 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights it is clear that they have a right in international law to seek and be granted refuge in another country. And as members of the UN, the government of Finland and Sweden, which both are presently represented in Vienna at the World Conference on Human Rights, must respect this right and grant them asylum.

Political activists seeking asylum is an evidence that people in Indonesia (regions under Indonesian military control) are living under oppression where human rights are brutally violated.

Thank you,

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cf: 1. Embassy of Finland;

2. Embassy of Sweden.

Enviado de Jakarta.